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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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Applicant

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Priority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of unity of invention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Certain documents cited
<input type="checkbox"/>	Certain defects in the international application
<input type="checkbox"/>	Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
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3. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1 - 42	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	21 - 31, 41 - 42	YES
	Claims	1 - 20, 32 - 40	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 - 42	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations :

D1 : GB 200228871

D2 : US 20030181167

The claimed inventions disclose a multimode/multiband mobile station, which comprises a plurality of low noise amplifier(LNA) and a near-zero intermediate frequency(NZIF) broadband image rejection(IR) mixer.

D1 relates a multi-channel tuner apparatus that comprises a plurality of tuners, each of which converts a selected channel to the NZIF. D2 relates a switch apparatus for switching between signal paths of at least three frequency bands.

The subject matter of the claims 1-20 of the claimed inventions, which each band signal is converted to the NZIF, is similar to that of D1. However, a reconfigurable band pass filter(BPF) for filtering analog IF signal of the claims is not disclosed in D1. Therefore, the claims 1-20 of the claimed inventions fulfil the requirement of novelty under PCT Article 33(2). On the other hand, the reconfigurable BPF's adaptiveness to the frequency band of the input signal is obvious to a person skilled in the art or is suggested in the prior art. Therefore the claims 1-20 of the claimed inventions do not fulfil the requirement of inventive step under PCT Article 33(3).

The subject matter of the claims 21-31 of the claimed inventions, a reception module for receiving signals corresponding to the same frequency bands among the multiple modes and multiple bands through combined receiver, is not obvious to a person skilled in the art and is not suggested in the prior art. Therefore, the claimed inventions 21-31 are considered to fulfil the requirements of novelty under PCT Article 33(2) and inventive step under PCT Article 33(3).

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The subject matter of the claims 32-40 of the claimed inventions, multiband receiver which comprises switch, mixer, and filter, is similar to that of D2. However, a baseband processing module for controlling a receiver corresponding to the mode in the claims 32-40 is not disclosed in D2. Therefore, the claims 32-40 of the claimed inventions fulfil the requirement of novelty under PCT Article 33(2). On the other hand, the baseband processor applicable to each of multiband signals is obvious to a person skilled in the art or is suggested in the prior art. Therefore the claims 32-40 of the claimed inventions do not fulfil the requirement of inventive step under PCT Article 33(3).

The subject matter of the claims 41-42 of the claimed inventions, a WCDMA/GSM combined receiver corresponding to a WCDMA/GSM combined band, is not obvious to a person skilled in the art and is not suggested in the prior art. Therefore, the claimed inventions 41-42 are considered to fulfil the requirements of novelty under PCT Article 33(2) and inventive step under PCT Article 33(3).